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**POSITION STATEMENT RELATING TO EARNED DEGREES  
APPEARING ON OFFICIAL LICENSES FOR  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this document is to clarify the information regarding earned academic degrees that may be printed on an official license or certificate for speech-language pathology or audiology or maintained on the licensing tracking system for verification purposes.

**REFERENCES:**

Board Rules: 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 741  
Subchapter D, §741.41 relating to the Code of Ethics

Licenses or certificates issued after April 2, 1997 will contain only the licensee's name.

Effective February 21, 2003, the Board shall begin to phase-out the printing of degrees on all licenses and certificates.

Correspondence received from the Board office may reference a degree that the licensee possessed at the time the license was issued. This degree is for verification purposes only and shall not be changed to reflect degrees earned after the issuance of a license.

A licensee is discouraged from using a degree from an accredited college or university not held in one of the areas of communicative sciences and disorders in conjunction with his or her practice as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

An investigation will be conducted if a complaint is filed alleging a violation of Board Rule, §741.41(b)(12) relating to a licensee misrepresenting his or her training or competence.

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